

# From the office of **State Controller Kim Wallin**

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## **ARRA REPORTING & ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER HIRED BY STATE CONTROLLER**

**Carson City, NV. November 2, 2009.** State Controller Kim Wallin announced today the hiring of Mary Keating as the ARRA Reporting & Accountability Officer. Ms. Keating began working in her new role Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> after most recently serving as an Administrative Services Officer 4 in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Her major purpose in the new position is to ensure that the State of Nevada accurately reports the usage of its \$2.2 billion in ARRA funds in accordance with unprecedented transparency, accountability and reporting requirements.

“I am very happy Mary Keating has agreed to accept the position of the ARRA Reporting & Accountability Officer,” Controller Wallin said, “Her background and wealth of knowledge in grants management, financial reporting, analysis, auditing, budgeting, internal controls and cost allocation will allow her to hit the ground running in helping the state to report and accurately account for the ARRA funds.”

Ms. Keating is highly qualified for the position, having served in management roles in several agencies during her 26 years with the State. She served as Chief Fiscal Officer in the Department of Administration for over 6 years providing guidance to Directors, Administrators and Managers regarding the state accounting system, federal grant reporting, internal controls, quantitative analysis methods, and audit methodologies. Most recently she played a major role in ARRA grant reporting for HHS. Additionally,

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Ms. Keating has 12 semesters experience teaching every accounting class offered at Western Nevada College. She has been a Certified Public Accountant for 27 years and graduated from UNR with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

More information about the Controller's Office and all the Executive Order ARRA work programs processed by the Controller's Office are available on the Controller's website at <http://controller.nv.gov>.

The Controller, one of the state's six constitutional officers, is the chief fiscal officer and administers the state's accounting system and debt collection program. The State Controller's Office mission is to advance accountability, continuity, and efficiency in the state's financial operations.

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